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AB The title catalysts contain rare earth alcoholates, carboxylates, and/or diketonates and/or adducts of rare earth halides with O- or N-donor compds.; di- or trialkylalanes and/or aluminoxanes; other Lewis acids; and inert, inorg. particles with sp. surface >10 m2/g and pore volume 0.3-15 mL/g. A catalyst was prepared by mixing iso-Bu2AlH 150, Et3Al2Cl3 5.0, and Nd versatate 5.0 mmol with 1.25 g butadiene and 100 g silica gel (sp.

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surface 230 m2/g, pore volume 2.95 mL/g) in hexane. Polymerization of
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     polybutadiene with Mooney viscosity (ML 1 + 4, 100°) 147 and
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     catalyst polymn diene gas phase; polybutadiene manuf catalyst; rare earth
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     compd catalyst polymn; neodymium versatate catalyst polymn;
     diisobutylalane catalyst polymn diene; trichlorotriethyldialuminum
     catalyst polymn
     Aluminoxanes
     Lewis acids
     Rare earth compounds
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     Carboxylic acids, uses
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- ST rare earth aminoalc etheralc prepn MOCVD; oxide rare earth precursor; ether alc rare earth prepn MOCVD; alc amino ether rare earth prepn
- IT Ketones, preparation

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        (reaction of, with diethylamine)
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     compounds.
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d'oxydes de terres rares, et des alcohols pour la synthese de composes

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     A catalyst for the polymerization of butadiene (I) is prepared by contacting in
     hydrocarbon solvent (A) an Al hydrocarbyl and/or Al hydrocarbyl hydride,
     (B) Nd versatate (II) or Nd naphthalate, and (C) a source of halogen at
     -15 to -60°, and then aging the catalyst for \geq 8 h prior to
     polymerization Thus, a catalyst must be prepared by premixing at -30^{\circ} II,
     (iso-Bu)2AlH, dried hexane, and tert-BuCl, and then aging the composition at
     -20^{\circ} for 20 h. Then, I was polymerized in hexane in the presence of a
     catalyst containing 0.15 mM Nd/100 g I at 60° for 240 min to give
     polybutadiene (100% conversion) showing intrinsic viscosity (PhMe at
     30°) 1.77 dL/q, weight-average mol. weight 207 + 103, number-average mol.
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     premixing at 20° and aging at 20° for 20 h.
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     Naphthenic acids, compounds
     RL: CAT (Catalyst use); USES (Uses)
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ΙT
     Rubber, butadiene, preparation
     RL: IMF (Industrial manufacture); PREP (Preparation)
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        carboxylate-aluminum hydrocarbyl-halide compns. as)
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        (stereospecific, neodymium carboxylate-aluminum hydrocarbyl-halide
        compns., for butadiene)
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        (catalysts containing, for stereospecific polymerization of butadiene)
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        (catalysts, for stereospecific polymerization of butadiene)
ΙT
     9003-17-2P
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ANSWER 1 OF 21 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2008:17395 USPATFULL

Golf ball TITLE:

INVENTOR(S): Endo, Kiyoshi, Osaka-shi, JAPAN

Tarao, Toshiyuki, Kobe-shi, JAPAN

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Kiyoshi ENDO (non-U.S. corporation)

NUMBER KIND DATE \_\_\_\_\_\_ PATENT INFORMATION: US 2008015052 A1 20080117 US 2007-822106 A1 20070702 APPLICATION INFO.: A1 20070702 (11)

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LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: BIRCH STEWART KOLASCH & BIRCH, PO BOX 747, FALLS

CHURCH, VA, 22040-0747, US

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 16
EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1
NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 2 Drawing Page(s)
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CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

The object of the present invention is to improve the resilience and the durability of the golf ball to be obtained by reducing the content of trans-1,4-bond in a one-piece golf ball using a polybutadiene having a high content of cis-1,4-bond. The one-piece golf ball of the present invention is obtained by molding a rubber composition containing (a) a base rubber containing a polydiene obtained by polymerizing diene in the presence of a catalyst containing a metallosalen complex and aluminoxane, (b) a co-crosslinking agent, and (c) a crosslinking agent.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

ANSWER 2 OF 21 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2007:303115 USPATFULL

Golf ball TITLE:

INVENTOR(S): Endo, Kiyoshi, Osaka-shi, JAPAN Tarao, Toshiyuki, Kobe-shi, JAPAN

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): SRI Sports Limited (non-U.S. corporation)

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LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: BIRCH STEWART KOLASCH & BIRCH, PO BOX 747, FALLS

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NUMBER OF CLAIMS: EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 2 Drawing Page(s) LINE COUNT: 986

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

The object of the present invention is to improve the resilience and the shot feeling of the golf ball to be obtained by reducing the content of trans-1,4-bond in a golf ball using for a core a polybutadiene having a high content of cis-1,4-bond. The golf ball of the present invention has a core comprising at least one layer or more and a cover covering the core, at least one layer of the core obtained by molding a rubber composition containing (a) a base rubber containing a polybutadiene obtained by polymerizing 1,3-butadiene in the presence of a catalyst containing a metallosalen complex and

aluminoxane, (b) a co-crosslinking agent, and (c) a

crosslinking agent.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

ANSWER 3 OF 21 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2007:62884 USPATFULL

TITLE: Butadiene-based polymer and method of producing the

same as well as rubber composition and tire using the

INVENTOR(S): Suzuki, Eiju, Tokyo, JAPAN

> Ozawa, Yoichi, Tokyo, JAPAN Ohmura, Tetsuya, Tokyo, JAPAN Kurazumi, Junko, Tokyo, JAPAN

NUMBER KIND DATE

PATENT INFORMATION: US 2007055029 A1 20070308
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LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: SUGHRUE MION, PLLC, 2100 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.,

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SU: 16 NUMBER OF CLAIMS: EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1 975 LINE COUNT:

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

This invention is concerned with a butadiene-based polymer having a high cis-1,4 bond content, a low

vinyl bond content and a molecular weight distribution of a specified range, and more particularly a butadiene-based polymer

having a 1,3-butadiene monomer unit,

characterized in that a cis-1,4 bond content and a vinyl bond content in the 1,3-butadiene monomer unit as measured by a Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy (FT-IR) is not less than 98.0% and not more than 0.3%, respectively, and a ratio (Mw/Mn) of weight average molecular weight (Mw) to number average molecular weight (Mn) is 1.6-3.5.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

ANSWER 4 OF 21 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2006:34903 USPATFULL

Modified polymers prepared with lanthanide-based TITLE:

catalysts

INVENTOR(S): Ozawa, Yoichi, Tokyo, JAPAN

Miller, H. Jerrold, Panama City, FL, UNITED STATES

Masaki, Koji, Fairlawn, OH, UNITED STATES

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NUMBER KIND DATE \_\_\_\_\_\_

PATENT INFORMATION: US 2006030677 A1 20060209 US 2005-244999 A1 20051006 (11) APPLICATION INFO.:

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NUMBER DATE \_\_\_\_\_

US 1999-165172P 19991112 (60) PRIORITY INFORMATION:

DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility FILE SEGMENT: APPLICATION

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: John M. Vasuta, Chief I.P. Counsel, Bridgestone

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OH, 44317, US

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 20 EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1 LINE COUNT: 1241

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

A method for preparing a functionalized polymer comprising the steps of preparing a pseudo-living polymer by polymerizing conjugated diene monomer with a lanthanide-based catalyst, and reacting the pseudo-living polymer with at least one functionalizing agent defined by the formula (I) ##STR1## where A is a substituent that will undergo an addition reaction with a pseudo-living polymer, R.sup.1 is a divalent organic group, R.sup.2 is a monovalent organic group, and each R.sup.4, which may be the same or different, is a monovalent organic group or a substituent defined by --OR.sup.5 where R.sup.5 is a monovalent organic group, with the proviso that A, R.sup.1, R.sup.2, R.sup.4, and R.sup.5 are substituents that will not protonate a pseudo-living polymer. Also, the functionalized polymer and a vulcanizable composition containing the polymer.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2006:28705 USPATFULL

Modified polymers prepared with lanthanide-based TITLE:

catalysts

INVENTOR(S): Ozawa, Yoichi, Tokyo, JAPAN

Miller, H. Jerrold, Panama City, FL, UNITED STATES

Masaki, Koji, Fairlawn, OH, UNITED STATES

NUMBER KIND DATE

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Continuation of Ser. No. US 2003-296082, filed on 13 RELATED APPLN. INFO.:

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NUMBER DATE \_\_\_\_\_

US 1999-165169P 19991112 (60) PRIORITY INFORMATION:

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LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: Renner, Kenner, Greive, Bobak, Taylor & Weber, Fourth

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NUMBER OF CLAIMS: EXEMPLARY CLAIM: LINE COUNT: 992

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

A method for preparing a functionalized polymer comprising the steps of preparing a pseudo-living polymer by polymerizing conjugated diene monomer with a lanthanide-based catalyst, where said pseudo-living polymer is characterized by having greater than about 85 percent of the polymer in the cis microstructure and less than about 3 percent of the polymer is in the 1,2- or 3,4-microstructure, and reacting the pseudo-living polymer with at least one functionalizing agent defined by ##STR1## where Z is a substituent that will the formula (I) or (II) react or interact with organic or inorganic fillers; R.sup.1 is a single bond or a divalent organic group; R.sup.2 is a monovalent organic group or a divalent organic group that forms a cyclic organic group with R.sup.13 or R.sup.14; R.sup.3 is a single bond, a divalent organic group, or a trivalent organic group that forms a cyclic organic group with R.sup.4 or R.sup.5; R.sup.13 is a single bond, a divalent organic group, or a trivalent organic group that forms a cyclic organic group with R.sup.2 or R.sup.14; R.sup.4 is a monovalent organic group or a divalent organic group that forms a cyclic organic group with R.sup.3 or R.sup.5; R.sup.14 is a monovalent organic group or a divalent organic group that forms a cyclic organic group with R.sup.2 or R.sup.13; and R.sup.5 is a monovalent organic group or a divalent organic group that forms a cyclic organic group with R.sup.3 or R.sup.4; with the proviso that each group attached to the imino carbon is attached via a carbon atom and R.sup.1, R.sup.2 R.sup.3, R.sup.4, R.sup.5, R.sup.13, R.sup.14 and Z are substituents that will not protonate a pseudo-living polymer.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

ANSWER 6 OF 21 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2006:23933 USPATFULL

TITLE: Modified polymers prepared with lanthanide-based

catalysts

INVENTOR(S): Ozawa, Yoichi, Kodaira, JAPAN

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Masaki, Koji, Fairlawn, OH, UNITED STATES Fujimaki, Tatsuo, Higashimurayama, JAPAN

Sone, Takuo, Tokyo, JAPAN Hattori, Iwakazu, Tokyo, JAPAN

Morita, Koichi, Higashiyamato, JAPAN

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Bridgestone Corporation, Tokyo, JAPAN (non-U.S.

corporation)

NUMBER DATE

PRIORITY INFORMATION: US 1999-165172P 19991112 (60)

DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility
FILE SEGMENT: GRANTED
PRIMARY EXAMINER: Choi, Ling-Sui

PRIMARY EXAMINER: Choi, Ling-Sui LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: Reginelli, Arthur M.

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 14
EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1
LINE COUNT: 1158

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

Amethod for preparing a functionalized polymer comprising the steps of preparing a pseudo-living polymer by polymerizing conjugated diene monomer with a lanthanide-based catalyst, and reacting the pseudo-living polymer with at least one functionalizing agent defined by the formula (I) ##STR1## where A is a substituent that will undergo an addition reaction with a pseudo-living polymer, R.sup.1 is a divalent organic group, R.sup.2 is a monovalent organic group, and each R.sup.4, which may be the same or different, is a monovalent organic group or a substituent defined by --OR.sup.5 where R.sup.5 is a monovalent organic group, with the proviso that A, R.sup.1, R.sup.2, R.sup.4, and R.sup.5 are substituents that will not protonate a pseudo-living polymer. Also, the functionalized polymer and a vulcanizable composition containing the polymer.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L8 ANSWER 7 OF 21 USPATFULL on STN

PATENT INFORMATION:

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2006:4672 USPATFULL

TITLE: Functionalized high cis-1,4-

polybutadiene prepared using novel

functionalizing agents

INVENTOR(S): Ozawa, Yoichi, Tokyo, JAPAN

Miller, H. Jerrold, Savannah, GA, UNITED STATES

Masaki, Koji, Fairlawn, OH, UNITED STATES

Morita, Koichi, Tokyo, JAPAN Fujimaki, Tatsuo, Tokyo, JAPAN Ohumura, Tetsuyo, Tokyo, JAPAN Sone, Takuo, Tokyo, JAPAN Hattori, Iwakazu, Tokyo, JAPAN

NUMBER KIND DATE
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APPLICATION INFO.: US 2005-216559 A1 20050831 (11)

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2000-US30969, filed on 10 Nov 2000

DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility FILE SEGMENT: APPLICATION

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: Renner, Kenner, Greive, Bobak, Taylor & Weber, First

National Tower, Fourth Floor, Arkron, OH, 44308, US

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 21 EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1-20 LINE COUNT: 838

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

AB A functionalized polymer prepared by a process comprising the steps of preparing a pseudo-living polymer by polymerizing conjugated monomer with a lanthanide-based catalyst, and reacting the pseudo-living polymer with a functionalizing agent defined by the formula (I) A-R.sup.1-Z (I) where R.sup.1 is a divalent bond or divalent organic group comprising from 0 to about 20 carbon atoms, A is a substituent that will undergo an addition reaction with a pseudo-living polymer, and Z is a substituent that will react or interact with silica or carbon black reinforcing fillers, with the

proviso that A, R.sup.1, and Z are substituents that will not protonate a pseudo-living polymer.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L8 ANSWER 8 OF 21 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2005:320570 USPATFULL

TITLE: Modified polymers prepared with lanthanide-based

catalysts

INVENTOR(S): Ozawa, Yoichi, Kodaira, JAPAN

Miller, H. Jerrold, Panama City, FL, UNITED STATES

Masaki, Koji, Fairlawn, OH, UNITED STATES

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DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility FILE SEGMENT: GRANTED

PRIMARY EXAMINER: Choi, Ling-Sui LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: Reginelli, Arthur M.

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 15 EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1 LINE COUNT: 940

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

AB A method for preparing a functionalized polymer comprising the steps of preparing a pseudo-living polymer by polymerizing conjugated diene monomer with a lanthanide-based catalyst, where said pseudo-living polymer is characterized by having greater than about 85 percent of the polymer in the cis microstructure and less than about 3 percent of the

polymer is in the 1,2- or 3,4-microstructure, and reacting the pseudo-living polymer with at least one functionalizing agent defined by the formula (I) or (II) ##STR1## where Z is a substituent that will react or interact with organic or inorganic fillers; R.sup.1 is a single bond or a divalent organic group; R.sup.2 is a monovalent organic group or a divalent organic group that forms a cyclic organic group with R.sup.13 or R.sup.14; R.sup.3 is a single bond, a divalent organic group, or a trivalent organic group that forms a cyclic organic group with R.sup.4 or R.sup.5; R.sup.13 is a single bond, a divalent organic group, or a trivalent organic group that forms a cyclic organic group with R.sup.2 or R.sup.14; R.sup.4 is a monovalent organic group or a divalent organic group that forms a cyclic organic group with R.sup.3 or R.sup.5; R.sup.14 is a monovalent organic group or a divalent organic group that forms a cyclic organic group with R.sup.2 or R.sup.13; and R.sup.5 is a monovalent organic group or a divalent organic group that forms a cyclic organic group with R.sup.3 or R.sup.4; with the proviso that each group attached to the imino carbon is attached via a carbon atom and R.sup.1, R.sup.2, R.sup.3, R.sup.4, R.sup.5, R.sup.13, R.sup.14 and Z are substituents that will not protonate a pseudo-living polymer.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L8 ANSWER 9 OF 21 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2005:127021 USPATFULL

TITLE: Branched olefinic macromonomer, olefin graft copolymer,

and olefin resin composition

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DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility
FILE SEGMENT: GRANTED
PRIMARY EXAMINER: Lu Caixia

PRIMARY EXAMINER: Lu, Caixia
LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: Oblon, Spivak, McClelland, Maier & Neustadt, P.C.

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 10 EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 0 Drawing Figure(s); 0 Drawing Page(s)

LINE COUNT: 3739

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

The invention relates to olefin branched macromonomers, olefin graft copolymers and olefin resin compositions having the advantage of good compatibility with polyolefin resins and good moldability and workability. The olefin branched macromonomer satisfies the following (a) and (b):

- (a) its weight-average molecular weight (Mw) measured through gel permeation chromatography (GPC) falls between 400 and 200000;
- (b) its vinyl content is at least 70 mol % of all the unsaturated groups in the macromonomer.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L8 ANSWER 10 OF 21 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2005:105445 USPATFULL

TITLE: Metal complex compositions and their use as catalysts

to produce polydienes

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DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility FILE SEGMENT: APPLICATION

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

SECTION, P. O. BOX 1967, MIDLAND, MI, 48641-1967, US

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 25 EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1 LINE COUNT: 3382

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

This invention relates to metal complex compositions, their preparation and their use as catalysts to produce polymers of conjugate dienes through polymerization of conjugated diene monomers. The used metal complex compositions are transition metal compounds in combination with an activator compound, optionally with a transition metal halide compound and optionally a catalyst modifier and optionally an inorganic or organic support material. The metal complexes comprises metals of group 3 to 10 of the Periodic System of the Elements in combination with activators, and optionally transition metal halide compounds of groups 3 to 10 of the Periodic Table of the Elements including lanthanide metals and actinide metals and optionally, catalyst modifiers, especially Lewis acids and optionally an inorganic or organic support material. More in particular the invention relates metal complex compositions, their preparation and their use as catalysts to produce homopolymers of conjugated dienes, preferably, but not limited to, through polymerization of 1,3-butadiene or isoprene.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L8 ANSWER 11 OF 21 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:306582 USPATFULL

TITLE: Random or block co-or terpolymers produced by using of

metal complex catalysts

INVENTOR(S): Thiele, Sven K H, Halle, GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF

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PRIORITY INFORMATION: US 2001-288859P 20010504 (60)

DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility
FILE SEGMENT: APPLICATION

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY, INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

SECTION, P. O. BOX 1967, MIDLAND, MI, 48641-1967

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 27 EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1 LINE COUNT: 1415

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

Random or block co- or terpolymers produced by using metal complex catalysts in a reaction of one conjugated diene monomer with one aromatic Random or block co- or terpolymers produced by using metomers with one aromatic  $\alpha$ -olefin or terpolymers of one conjugated diene monomer with one aromatic  $\alpha$ -olefin and one aliphatic  $\alpha$ -olefin by using metal complexes comprising metals of group 3 to 10 of the Periodic System of the Elements in combination with activators and optionally a support material. More particularly the metal complexes used for the synthesis of co- or terpolymer are lanthanide metals. Even more particularly diene monomer(s) and aromatic  $\alpha$ -olefin monomer(s) such as, but not limited to, butadiene and styrene or isoprene and styrene are copolymerized giving random or block copolymers or butadiene, styrene and isoprene are terpolymerized giving random or block terpolymers using metal complexes comprising lanthanide metals in combination with activators and optionally a support material. Preferably random co- or terpolymers are formed.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L8 ANSWER 12 OF 21 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:152416 USPATFULL

TITLE: Continuous process for the production of conjugated

diene polymers having narrow molecular weight

distribution and products therefrom

INVENTOR(S): Ozawa, Yoichi, Tokyo, JAPAN

Roggeman, David M., North Royalton, OH, UNITED STATES

Miller, H. Jerrold, Savannah, GA, UNITED STATES

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FILE SEGMENT:	APPLICATION			

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NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 15 EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 2 Drawing Page(s)

LINE COUNT: 1193

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

AB A continuous process for producing conjugated diene polymers comprising the steps of contacting, within an hydrocarbon solvent and within a continuous reactor, conjugated diene monomer and a catalyst composition prepared by combining: (a) a lanthanide compound, (b) an alkylating agent, and (c) a halogen-containing compound, and maintaining a non-ideal flow pattern within the continuous reactor so that 10% of the reagents entering the reactor at a reference time t.sub.0 are still present within the continuous reactor at a time t.sub.0+xt.sub.rt, where t.sub.rt is the residence time corresponding to ideal flow within the continuous reactor and x is a numeral greater than 1.5.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L8 ANSWER 13 OF 21 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003:251487 USPATFULL

TITLE: Lanthanide-based catalyst composition for the

manufacture of polydienes

INVENTOR(S): Luo, Steven, Akron, OH, UNITED STATES

Ozawa, Yoichi, Tokyo, JAPAN

Masaki, Koji, Fairlawn, OH, UNITED STATES Lawson, David, Uniontown, OH, UNITED STATES

NUMBER DATE

PRIORITY INFORMATION: US 2001-337728P 20011107 (60)

DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility
FILE SEGMENT: APPLICATION

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NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 20
EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1
LINE COUNT: 1179

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

AB A catalyst composition that is the combination of or the reaction product of ingredients comprising (a) an lanthanide compound, (b) an alkylating agent, (c) a nickel-containing compound, and optionally (d) a halogen-containing compound, with the proviso that the halogen-containing compound must be present where none of the lanthanide compound, the alkylating agent, and the nickel-containing compound contain a labile halogen atom.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L8 ANSWER 14 OF 21 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003:127814 USPATFULL

TITLE: Copolymers prepared by using both anionic

polymerization techniques and coordination catalysts

INVENTOR(S): Ozawa, Yoichi, Tokyo, JAPAN

DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility
FILE SEGMENT: APPLICATION

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: John H Hornickel, Bridgestone Firestone Americas

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NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 10 EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1 LINE COUNT: 586

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

AB A process for forming a copolymer comprising the steps of (i) preparing a living polymer segment by using anionic polymerization techniques, (ii) modifying the living polymer by reacting it with an alkyl metal halide to form an organometallic polymeric intermediate, and (iii) preparing a second polymer segment from the organometallic polymeric intermediate by combining the intermediate, conjugated diene monomer, and a coordination catalyst that will polymerize the conjugated diene monomer.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L8 ANSWER 15 OF 21 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:209730 USPATFULL

TITLE: Low molecular weight high-cis

polybutadienes and their use in high
molecular weight-low molecular weight high

-cis polybutadiene blends

INVENTOR(S): Miller, H. Jerrold, Akron, OH, United States
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Hamada, Tatsuro, Copley, OH, United States Ozawa, Yoichi, Copley, OH, United States Pakdel, Peyman, Akron, OH, United States

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Bridgestone Corporation, Tokyo, JAPAN (non-U.S.

corporation)

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PRIMARY EXAMINER: Howard, Jacqueline V.
LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: Palmer, Meredith, Fry, Jude

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 78 EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 0 Drawing Figure(s); 0 Drawing Page(s)

LINE COUNT: 1371

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

A process for polymerizing 1,3-butadiene into a low molecular weight AB high-cis polybutadiene is described using a catalyst system comprising: (a) a neodymium-containing compound, (b) an aluminoxane or a trialkyl aluminum compound, (c) an organoaluminum hydride, and (d) a halogen source. A blend of a high molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene and the low molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene is also disclosed for use in pneumatic tire treads. Desirably both the high and the low molecular weight polymers have high cis contents, with the low molecular weight polymer being at least 70 percent cis and the high molecular weight polymer being at least 92 percent cis. Desirably both polymers are made with a neodymium catalyst system. The blends provide a balance of properties including good snow traction, wet traction, and rolling resistance while providing a balance of good physical properties including tension at break, modulus etc.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L8 ANSWER 16 OF 21 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:102437 USPATFULL

TITLE: Catalyst with a base consisting of compounds of the

rare earth metals for polymerizing unsaturated organic

compounds

INVENTOR(S): Windisch, Heike, Leverkusen, GERMANY, FEDERAL REPUBLIC

OF

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Bayer Aktiengesellschaft, Leverkusen, GERMANY, FEDERAL

REPUBLIC OF (non-U.S. corporation)

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PRIORITY INFORMATION: DE 1997-19746266 19971020

DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility
FILE SEGMENT: GRANTED
PRIMARY EXAMINER: Wu, David W.
ASSISTANT EXAMINER: Lee, Rip A

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: Gil, Joseph C., Henderson, Richard E. L.

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 8 EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 0 Drawing Figure(s); 0 Drawing Page(s)

LINE COUNT: 471

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

The invention relates to new catalysts based on compounds of the rare earth metals containing a compound of the rare earth metals, a cyclopentadiene, and an alumoxane, as well as the use of new catalysts for the polymerisation of unsaturated compounds, particularly conjugated dienes. With the new catalyst system it is possible in the polymerisation of conjugated dienes to obtain a substantially higher proportion of laterally bound vinyl groups in the polymers.

L8 ANSWER 17 OF 21 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 1998:39615 USPATFULL

TITLE: Process for preparing olefin polymer, and ethylenic

polymer

INVENTOR(S): Tazaki, Toshinori, Sodegaura, Japan

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Tani, Noriyuki, Sodegaura, Japan

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd., Tokyo, Japan (non-U.S.

corporation)

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PATENT INFORMATION:	US 5739225	19980414	
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APPLICATION INFO.:	US 1996-666471	19960628	(8)
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DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility
FILE SEGMENT: Granted
PRIMARY EXAMINER: Wu, David W.

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: Oblon, Spivak, McClelland, Maier & Neustadt, P.C.

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 11
EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 2 Drawing Figure(s); 2 Drawing Page(s)

LINE COUNT: 1618

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

AB An olefin polymer is prepared by homopolymerizing an olefin or copolymerizing two different olefins or an olefin and another polymerizable unsaturated compound in the presence of a polymerization catalyst containing (A) a transition metal compound represented by the formula (I):

CpML.sub.x-1 (I)

wherein M is a metallic element of Groups 3 to 10 of the Periodic Table or a metallic element of the lanthanide series; Cp is a cyclic compound group having a cyclopentadienyl skeleton of 5 to 30 carbon atoms; L is R', OR', SR', SO.sub.3 R'N'R'R", PR'R", wherein R' and R" are each a C.sub.1-20 hydrocarbon group or a silyl group, NO.sub.2, a halogen atom, a 1-pyrrolyl group or a 1-pyrrolidinyl group, with the proviso that at least one of the L groups is OR', SR', N'R'R" or PR'R", wherein R' and R" are each a C.sub.1-20 hydrocarbon group or a silyl group; and x is a valence number of M, and when a plurality of L's are present, the respective L's may be the same or different, and (B) an aluminoxane, wherein the molar ratio of the component (B)/component (A) (in terms of the metallic atoms) is in the range of 2

to 500.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L8 ANSWER 18 OF 21 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 86:14022 USPATFULL TITLE: Olefin polymerization

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PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Phillips Petroleum Company, Bartlesville, OK, United

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FILE SEGMENT: Granted
PRIMARY EXAMINER: Garvin, Patrick P.
LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: Doescher, Howard D.
NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 29

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 29
EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 10
LINE COUNT: 1114

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

AB A process for producing a novel-highly active lanthanide containing catalysts comprising products formed by reacting a lanthanide halide, and an electron doner ligand with an organometal cocatalyst component and its use in the polymerization of olefins, especially olefins such as ethylene, 1,3-butadiene, isoprene and the like. In one embodiment, an organic base is used to increase catalyst activity in those instances where rare earth metal halide-ligand complex is formed with a ligand containing an acidic proton. In another embodiment, diolefins and vinyl aromatics are polymerized in a two-stage process employing a lanthanide complex-organometal cocatalyst in the first stage and a free radical initiator in the second stage.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L8 ANSWER 19 OF 21 USPAT2 on STN

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S):

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2004:152416 USPAT2

TITLE: Continuous process for the production of conjugated

diene polymers having narrow molecular weight

distribution and products therefrom

INVENTOR(S): Ozawa, Yoichi, Kodaira, JAPAN

Roggeman, David M., North Royalton, OH, UNITED STATES

Miller, H. Jerrold, Savannah, GA, UNITED STATES

Masaki, Koji, Hagashimurayama, JAPAN Luo, Steven, Akron, OH, UNITED STATES

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DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility FILE SEGMENT: GRANTED PRIMARY EXAMINER: Teskin, Fred

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: Reginelli, Arthur M.

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 14 EXEMPLARY CLAIM:

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 3 Drawing Figure(s); 2 Drawing Page(s)

LINE COUNT: 1185

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

A continuous process for producing conjugated diene polymers comprising the steps of contacting, within an hydrocarbon solvent and within a continuous reactor, conjugated diene monomer and a catalyst composition prepared by combining: (a) a lanthanide compound, (b) an alkylating agent, and (c) a halogen-containing compound, and maintaining a non-ideal flow pattern within the continuous reactor so that 10% of the reagents entering the reactor at a reference time t.sub.0 are still present within the continuous reactor at a time t.sub.0+xt.sub.rt, where t.sub.rt is the residence time corresponding to ideal flow within the continuous reactor and x is a numeral greater than 1.5.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

ANSWER 20 OF 21 USPAT2 on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003:251487 USPAT2

TITLE: Lanthanide-based catalyst composition for the

manufacture of polydienes

Luo, Steven, Akron, OH, United States INVENTOR(S):

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corporation)

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PRIORITY INFORMATION: US 2001-337728P 20011107 (60)

DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility
FILE SEGMENT: GRANTED

PRIMARY EXAMINER: Wood, Elizabeth
LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: Reginelli, Arthur M.

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 30 EXEMPLARY CLAIM:

0 Drawing Figure(s); 0 Drawing Page(s) NUMBER OF DRAWINGS:

LINE COUNT: 1267

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

A catalyst composition that is the combination of or the reaction product of ingredients comprising (a) an lanthanide compound, (b) an alkylating agent, (c) a nickel-containing compound, and optionally (d) a halogen-containing compound, with the proviso that the halogen-containing compound must be present where none of the lanthanide compound, the alkylating agent, and the nickel-containing compound

contain a labile halogen atom.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

L8 ANSWER 21 OF 21 USPAT2 on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2003:127814 USPAT2

TITLE: Copolymers prepared by using both anionic

polymerization techniques and coordination catalysts

INVENTOR(S): Ozawa, Yoichi, Tokyo, JAPAN

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Bridgestone Corporation, Tokyo, JAPAN (non-U.S.

corporation)

NUMBER DATE

PRIORITY INFORMATION: US 1999-173698P 19991230 (60)

DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility FILE SEGMENT: GRANTED

PRIMARY EXAMINER: Seidleck, James J.
ASSISTANT EXAMINER: Asinovsky, Olga
LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: Reginelli, Arthur

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 20 EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 0 Drawing Figure(s); 0 Drawing Page(s)

LINE COUNT: 605

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

AB A process for forming a copolymer comprising the steps of (i) preparing a living polymer segment by using anionic polymerization techniques, (ii) modifying the living polymer by reacting it with an alkyl metal halide to form an organometallic polymeric intermediate, and (iii) preparing a second polymer segment from the organometallic polymeric intermediate by combining the intermediate, conjugated diene monomer, and a coordination catalyst that will polymerize the conjugated diene monomer.

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

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L8 ANSWER 15 OF 21 USPATFULL on STN

ACCESSION NUMBER: 2002:209730 USPATFULL

TITLE: Low molecular weight high-cis

polybutadienes and their use in high

molecular weight-low molecular weight high

-cis polybutadiene blends

INVENTOR(S): Miller, H. Jerrold, Akron, OH, United States

Hamada, Tatsuro, Copley, OH, United States Ozawa, Yoichi, Copley, OH, United States Pakdel, Peyman, Akron, OH, United States

PATENT ASSIGNEE(S): Bridgestone Corporation, Tokyo, JAPAN (non-U.S.

corporation)

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on 19 May 1999

DOCUMENT TYPE: Utility FILE SEGMENT: GRANTED

PRIMARY EXAMINER: Howard, Jacqueline V.

LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: Palmer, Meredith, Fry, Jude

NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 78 EXEMPLARY CLAIM: 1

NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 0 Drawing Figure(s); 0 Drawing Page(s)

LINE COUNT: 1371

CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT.

Low molecular weight high-cis polybutadienes and their use in high molecular weight-low molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene blends

AB A process for polymerizing 1,3-butadiene into a low molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene is described using a catalyst system comprising: (a) a neodymium-containing compound, (b) an aluminoxane or a trialkyl aluminum compound, (c) an organoaluminum hydride, and (d) a halogen source. A blend of a high molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene and the low molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene is also disclosed for use in pneumatic tire treads. Desirably both the high and the low molecular weight polymers have high cis contents, with the low molecular weight polymer being at least 70 percent cis and the high molecular weight polymer being at least 92 percent cis. Desirably both polymers are made with a neodymium catalyst system. The blends provide a balance of properties including good snow traction, wet traction, and rolling resistance while providing a balance of good physical properties including tension at break, modulus etc.

SUMM The present invention relates to low molecular weight high-cis polybutadienes synthesized with a catalyst system that comprises a neodymium-containing compound, an organoaluminum hydride, and a halide source in combination with either an alkyl aluminoxane or a trialkyl aluminum compound. Blends of these low molecular weight high-cis polybutadienes and high molecular weight high-cis polybutadienes are further disclosed for use in tire tread compounds to enhance fracture properties, snow traction, wet traction, and rolling resistance of a tire.

SUMM Japanese Patent Publication 8-73515 discloses the polymerization of dienes with Group 3B metal (including neodymium) catalyst systems, wherein molecular weight regulators are not used in the polymerization process. The methods taught therein are applicable to a situation for making a high molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene with a narrow molecular weight distribution. But the method taught therein, as shown in the examples, generally produced a very broad molecular weight distribution if used to form a low molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene.

SUMM Moreover, it is known that low molecular weight polybutadienes can be blended with high molecular weight high-cis

polybutadienes. These known low molecular weight polybutadienes, however, having a broad molecular weight distribution and/or a reduced cis-1,4 content, cannot be readily used in these blends. For example, because of the broad molecular weight distribution, it is difficult to determine and/or optimize properties. In addition, miscibility becomes a problem when these liquid polybutadienes, varying significantly in the cis-1,4 content from a higher molecular weight polybutadiene, are used together in blends.

- SUMM The effects of blends of these high molecular weight/low molecular weight (HMW/LMW) high-cis polybutadiene on the properties of a rubber compound have not been thoroughly investigated. Japanese Patent Publication No. 7-5789, published on the Aug. 6, 1987, disclosed blends of HMW/LMW polybutadiene for use in impact modified polystyrene. Further, Bridgestone Corporation has examined the use of HMW/LMW blends of low-cis polybutadiene for improved wet/snow properties. But nothing has disclosed blends of HMW/LMW blends of low-cis polybutadiene particularly beneficial for use in tread compositions.
- SUMM Thus, there presently exists a need for a low molecular weight high cis-1,4 polybutadiene having properties suitable for blending with a high molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene, the resultant blend being useful in tire tread compounds.
- In part, the present invention relates to a low molecular weight high cis-1,4 polybutadiene and an improved process for polymerization of dienes to a low molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene using either of two neodymium-based catalyst systems. One such catalyst system is referred to throughout as an MAO catalyst system—and comprises: (a) a neodymium—containing compound; (b) an aluminoxane; (c) an organoaluminum hydride compound; and (d) a halide source. While neodymium-based catalyst systems are known to produce high-cis polybutadiene, the use of these four catalyst components to yield a liquid high-cis polybutadiene with a narrow molecular weight distribution was not known. The catalyst system is operational under a variety of conditions.
- Another such neodymium-based catalyst system disclosed herein, and referred to throughout as a TIBA catalyst system, comprises: (a) a neodymium-containing compound; (b) a trialkyl aluminum compound; (c) an organoaluminum hydride compound; and (d) a halide source. At least 80 weight percent of the resulting polydiene has a molecular weight less than 100,000. In addition, the polydiene has a number average molecular weight less than 35,000; and a ratio of Mp (peak molecular weight) to Mn (number average molecular weight) between about 0.9 and about 2.0. This catalyst system is useful where environmental considerations dictate against the use of hexane-insoluble aluminoxanes in the polymerization process.
- SUMM Moreover, the present invention also relates to low molecular weight/high-cis polybutadiene blends containing either of these low molecular weight high-cis polybutadienes. In this regard, the present invention relates to a high-cis polybutadiene blend, which comprises: (a) from about 20 to about 80 percent by weight of a first polybutadiene having a number average molecular weight from about 2000 to about 50,000 and a cis-1,4

microstructure content of at least 70 percent; and (b) from about 20 to about 80 percent by weight of a second polybutadiene having a number average molecular weight from about 90,000 to about 300,000, and a cis-1,4 microstructure content of at least 92 percent.

The present invention further relates to a rubber compound, which SUMM comprises at least 30 parts by weight of a high cis-1,4polybutadiene based upon 100 parts by weight rubber wherein a) from about 20 to about 80 weight percent of the high cis-1,4polybutadiene is a low molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene of the present invention has a molecular weight from about 2,000 to about 50,000 and a cis-1,4 content of at least 70percent; and b) from about 20 to about 80 weight percent of the high cis-1,4-polybutadiene is a high molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene having a molecular weight from about 90,000 to about 300,000 and a cis-1,4microstructure of at least 92 percent. Desirably these two fractions of high-cis polybutadiene represent distinct peaks (or modes) in the molecular weight distribution of the high-cis polybutadiene. Desirably the molecular weight distribution of the lower molecular weight peak is from about 1.1 to about 5 and the molecular weight distribution of the higher molecular weight peak in the distribution is from about 1.8 to about 6. These rubber characteristics facilitate achieving a balance of good fracture resistance, snow traction, wet traction, and low rolling resistance.

SUMM A process is disclosed below for producing low molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene with a specific molecular weight distribution by polymerizing 1,3-butadiene in the presence of either of two catalyst systems comprising: (a) a neodymium -containing compound; (b) an aluminoxane in the MAO catalyst system or a trialkyl aluminum compound in the TIBA catalyst system; (c) an organoaluminum hydride compound; and (d) a halogen source. Referring particularly to the MAO catalyst system, it differs from JP 8-73515 in that it teaches generally higher amounts of all of the catalyst components relative to the diene, preferred amounts of total aluminum relative to butadiene, and preferred catalyst preparation and aging procedures. One skilled in the art would not anticipate that the molecular weight could be reduced to the extent that liquid polybutadiene was produced without the use of molecular weight regulators. Evaluation of the ratio of the neodymium -containing compound and the total polymers formed in the examples reveals that multiple polymer chains are produced per each neodymium containing compound, so some mechanism of chain termination and chain initiation is taking place which has the same result as chain transfer without broadening the molecular weight distribution.

SUMM The molar ratio of the aluminoxane to the neodymium —containing compound (Al/Nd) in the MAO catalyst system can be varied from about 10 to about 500. However, a more preferred range of Al/Nd molar ratio is from about 40 or 50 to about 200, and the most preferred range is from about 75 to about 150. The molar amount of aluminoxane is the number of moles of Al—R.sup.5 units rather than the moles of the oligomer or cyclic aluminoxane. This is consistent with the effectiveness of aluminoxane in this type of catalyst system.

SUMM The catalyst components may be introduced into the polymerization system in several different ways. They may be added in either a stepwise or

simultaneous manner. It is desirable to add the halide source as the last component of the catalyst system and preferably after a portion of the total diene has been added. The order in which the components are added in a stepwise manner is not critical to achieve polymerization but may affect the number average molecular weight of the polymer. With respect to the MAO catalyst system, the components are preferably added in the order of the 1) part of the total diene, 2) aluminoxane , 3) neodymium-containing compound, and 4) organoaluminum hydride. As to the TIBA catalyst system, there is no preferred order for the addition of the components, but, again, the halide source must be added last in the polymerization. It is optional to age the reactants for a few seconds to minutes prior to the addition of the halide source. The catalyst components may be premixed outside the polymerization system at an appropriate temperature (e.g., from about  $10^{\circ}$  C. to about 90° C.), following by the addition of the catalysts to the polymerization system or the catalysts may be mixed in the polymerization reactor. The amount of diene, e.g.1,3-butadiene monomer, which is desirably added before the halide source, can range from about 10 to about 100 moles per mole of the neodymium-containing compound, and preferably should be from about 10 to about 50 moles per mole of the neodymium-containing compound.

- SUMM It has been observed by others that increased aging time (after adding the halide source) for these types of initiators usually increases the activity of the catalyst. While preparing the examples it was observed that shorter catalyst aging times generate more polymer chains and consequently, reduce the molecular weight of the resulting polymers. Thus aging time is a compromise between catalyst activity and catalyst efficiency when producing low molecular weight polymers. It is desirable to age the catalyst (after adding the halide source) less than 30 minutes at a temperature of less than 50° C. and more desirably less than 10 minutes at from about 10 to about 50° C. after mixing all the catalyst components and part of the diene.
- SUMM A major benefit of the MAO catalyst system process for forming low molecular weight (liquid) high-cis polybutadiene is the lack of added molecular weight regulators, which often decrease the rate of polymerization and lead to broad molecular weight distributions. The process is not, however, free of chain transfer reactions as a close examination of the experimental data will demonstrate that more moles of polymer are generated than can be explained based on the moles of the initiator.
- SUMM The low molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene product produced by the above process has many applications. It can be blended with various rubbers in order to improve their properties. For example, it can be incorporated into elastomers in order to improve or modify their viscoelastic properties (such as G' and tan  $\delta$ ) at a particular temperature. It has been possible to increase the snow and wet traction of a rubber blend with this low molecular weight high cis-1,4 polybutadiene. These properties are generally correlated with a lower storage modulus (G') at -20° C. and a higher tan  $\delta$  at 0° C. respectively when these properties are measured at 1 Hz and small strains.
- SUMM More particularly, the addition of a blend of this low molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene and a high molecular weight high-cis to a rubber compound has been found to improve properties such as fracture resistance, snow traction, wet traction, and

rolling resistance. It is beneficial if the blend has a molecular weight distribution which has at least two modes, with a first mode having a maximum between a molecular weight of 2000 and 50,000 and a second mode having a maximum between a molecular weight of 90,000 and 300,000. It is particularly advantageous that both the high and low molecular weight polybutadienes have similar amounts of cis-1,4 repeating units as this results in enhanced compatibility of the two polymers over blends where the cis-1,4 content varies significantly between the high and low molecular weight polymers. While the high and low molecular weight polymers are generally characterized as two different materials, which are separately prepared, it is specifically acknowledged that due to the similarity in the catalyst systems used to prepare the high and low molecular weight polymers it is beneficial to make both the high and low molecular weight fractions in the same reactor or plant and/or blend them before isolating the polymers from their polymerization media.

SUMM The benefit from using a blend of high and low molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene is not limited to rubber compounds where the high and low molecular weight polybutadiene is 100% of the rubber component. In fact these polymers are easily blended with conventional rubbers used in tires. A blend of high and low molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene with one or more other rubbers may be optimized for a total balance of tire or tire tread properties. The weight percent of the high molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene is desirably from about 20 to about 80 percent, and is more desirably from about 25 to about 75 percent, and is preferably from about 30 to about 70 percent of the blend of high and low molecular weight high-cis polybutadienes.

SUMM The high molecular weight polybutadiene desirably has a molecular weight or a number average molecular weight from about 90,000 to about 300,000, more desirably from about 150,000 or 200,000 to about 280,000. By using molecular weight alternatively to number average molecular weight it is intended to provide alternative but nearly equivalent options in the claims. Desirably the molecular weight distribution (MWD or Mw/Mn) is from about 1.8 or 2.0 to about 6.0 and more desirably from about 1.8 to about 3.2. Desirably the high molecular weight polybutadiene has a cis-1,4 content of at least 92% and preferably at least 94%. Polymers of this type are commercially available or can be prepared by using catalyst systems based on nickel or neodymium carboxylates, trialkyl aluminum, and a compound with a labile halide. The weight percent of the high molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene is desirably from about 20 to about 80, and is more desirably from about 25 to about 75 percent, and is preferably from about 30 to about 70 percent of the blend of high and low molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene. The polybutadiene can tolerate small amounts of comonomers, e.g. less than1, 5, or 10 percent of another diene or another monomer, so long as the high molecular weight polybutadiene is compatible with the low molecular weight butadiene and other rubbers in the blend. By compatibility it is meant that the polymers can be mixed thoroughly without macroscopic phase separation.

SUMM The low molecular weight polybutadiene desirably has a molecular weight or number average molecular weight from about 2,000 or 4,000 to about 40,000 or 50,000, and is more desirably from about 5,000

to about 20,000 or 25,000. Desirably the molecular weight distribution is from about 1.1 to about 5, and is more desirably from about 1.2 or to about 2.2. Desirably the cis-1,4 content is at least 70%, more desirably from about 70 to about 97%, preferably at least 85%, and is more preferably from about 85 to about 97%. Desirably the low molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene is from about 20 to about 80 weight percent of the blend of high and low molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene, and is more desirably from about 25 to about 75 weight percent and is preferably from about 30 to about 70 weight percent of the blend. The polybutadiene can tolerate small amounts of comonomers, e.g. less than 1, 5, or 10 percent of another diene or another monomer, so long as the low molecular weight polybutadiene is compatible with the high molecular weight polybutadiene and other rubbers in the blend.

- SUMM Molecular weight and molecular weight distribution were obtained by using a GPC instrument equipped with two Tosoh GMHXL (30 cm) columns connected in line. THF was used as carrier solvent, with a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min. The instrument was universally calibrated with polystyrene standards and Mark-Howick constants for high-cis polybutadienes. Microstructures were obtained by FT-IR measurements. Spectra of CS.sub.2 solutions of polymers (0.5 w/v %) were obtained, and the microstructures were calculated by Morello's method
- DETD The following examples 12-18 illustrate how to polymerize the low molecular weight high-cis polybutadiene of the present invention using a catalyst system comprising a trialkyl aluminum compound (i.e., the TIBA catalyst system).
- DETD The results in Table VB predict that Control I, which contains a low-cis polybutadiene, improves snow and wet traction as well as the rolling resistance over Control 2, which is a blend of natural rubber and styrene-butadiene rubber. In this case, the improvements in the listed properties were obtained at the expense of a compromise in tension at break and the elastic modulus at 300% elongation. Samples A-E illustrate that the traction and rolling resistance can be increased relative to Control 2 without a substantial compromise in other properties by using a high-cis polybutadiene. The HMW polybutadiene in Samples D and E (made with a Ni catalyst) had broader molecular weight distributions and slightly lower cis-1,4 content than the HMW polybutadiene in Samples A-C (made with Nd catalyst). The LMW polybutadiene in Samples D and E also had broader MWD (Sample D) or lower cis-1,4 content (Sample E). The results for TB, M300 and EB were slightly lower for Samples D and E. The LMW polybutadiene of Sample C had a much broader molecular weight distribution than the LMW polybutadiene of Samples A and B. The LMW polybutadiene of Samples A and B was prepared following the general procedure outlined in Example 1. CLM What is claimed is:
  - 19. A process for polymerizing a low molecular weight polydiene in the liquid comprising: polymerizing a conjugated diene in the presence of a catalyst comprising an effective amount of a neodymium —containing compound; an organoaluminum hydride; a source; and an aluminum—containing compound selected from the group consisting of an aluminoxane and a trialkyl aluminum compound to generate at least one polymer chain per 1000 conjugated diene molecules.
  - 20. A process according to claim 19, wherein the mole ratio of said aluminoxane to said neodymium is from about 10 to about 500 when said aluminoxane is selected as said aluminum-containing compound.

- 21. A process according to claim 19, wherein the mole ratio of said organoaluminum hydride to said neodymium is from about 10 to about 100 when said aluminoxane is selected as said aluminum-containing compound.
- 22. A process according to claim 19, wherein the mole ratio of said halide source to said neodymium is from about 1 to about 15 when said aluminoxane is selected as said aluminum-containing compound.
- 26. A process according to claim 19, wherein said neodymium -containing compound, aluminoxane, organoaluminum hydride, and halide source are premixed with less than 10 mole percent of the total conjugated diene and reacted with said conjugated diene at a temperature between 10 and 90° C. prior to the addition of the remainder of the conjugated diene.
- 36. A high-cis polybutadiene blend comprising: (a) from about 20 to about 80 percent by weight of a first polybutadiene having a number average molecular weight from about 2000 to about 50,000, and a cis-1,4 microstructure content of at least 70 percent; and (b) from about 20 to about 80 percent by weight of a second polybutadiene having a number average molecular weight from about 90,000 to about 300,000, and a cis-1,4 microstructure content of at least 92 percent.
- 48. The blend according to claim 36, wherein the weight percent of the second polybutadiene is from about 30 percent to about 70 percent of the high-cis polybutadiene blend.
- 49. The blend according to claim 48, wherein the weight percent of the first polybutadiene is from about 30 percent to about 70 percent of the high-cis polybutadiene blend.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER: Teskin, Fred LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE: Reginelli, Arthur M. NUMBER OF CLAIMS: 14 EXEMPLARY CLAIM: NUMBER OF DRAWINGS: 3 Drawing Figure(s); 2 Drawing Page(s) LINE COUNT: 1185 CAS INDEXING IS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PATENT. Lanthanide-based catalysts are used to prepare high cis-1,4polybutadiene. These catalyst systems are typically formed by combining a lanthanide salt, an organoaluminum compound, and a source of halogen. They typically give polymers having a cis-1,4-linkage content of greater than 93% cis microstructure. Others have employed a silicon halide or organosilicon halide as the SUMM source of halogen, and then aged the catalyst system for at least 5 hours prior to contacting with the conjugated dienes to be polymerized. This approach, however, increases the manufacturing cost of the polymer. DETD Conjugated diene monomers are continuously polymerized in hydrocarbon solvent by using a lanthanide-based catalyst composition. Generally, the catalyst composition is formed by combining (a) a lanthanide compound, (b) an alkylating agent, and (c) a halogen-containing compound. The monomer and catalyst composition or ingredients are charged to a continuous-type reactor that allows for backmixing of the polymeric intermediates, which results in the polymers having narrow, monomodal molecular weight distributions and high cis-1,4-linkage contents. This backmixing also increases the degree of living properties of the polymers, which allows them to be functionalized. DETD Conjugated diene monomers are generally unsaturated compounds having two or more double bonds that alternate with single bonds. Examples of conjugated diene monomers include 1,3-butadiene, isoprene, 1,3-pentadiene, 1,3-hexadiene, 2,3-dimethyl-1,3-butadiene, 2-ethyl-1,3-butadiene, 2-methyl-1,3 pentadiene, 3-methyl-1,3-pentadiene, 4-methyl-1,3-pentadiene, and 2,4-hexadiene. Mixtures of two or more conjugated dienes may also be utilized in co-polymerization. The preferred conjugated dienes are 1,3-butadiene, isoprene, 1,3-pentadiene, and 1,3-hexadiene. The most preferred monomer is 1,3-butadiene because the polymerization of this monomer according to this invention provides narrow molecular weight high cis-1,4-polybutadiene that has narrow molecular weight distribution. DETD The catalyst composition of this invention has very high catalytic activity for polymerizing conjugated dienes into stereoregular polydienes over a wide range of catalyst concentrations and catalyst ingredient ratios. The polymers having the most desirable properties, however, are obtained within a narrower range of catalyst concentrations and catalyst ingredient ratios. Further, it is believed that the catalyst ingredients (a), (b), and (c) may interact to form an active catalyst species. Accordingly, the optimum concentration for any one catalyst ingredient is dependent upon the concentrations of the other

catalyst ingredients. The molar ratio of the alkylating

agent to the lanthanide compound (alkylating agent/Ln) can be

varied from about 1:1 to about 200:1, more preferably from about 2:1 to about 100:1, and even more preferably from about 5:1 to about 50:1. DETD In another embodiment, the catalyst composition comprises (a) a lanthanide compound, and (b) an aluminoxane, with the proviso that the molar ratio of the aluminoxane to the lanthanide compound (Al/Ln) is from about 50:1 to about 50,000:1, preferably from about 75:1 to about 30,000:1, and more preferably from about 100:1 to about 1,000:1, where the molar ratio refers to equivalents of aluminum atoms on the aluminoxane to equivalents of lanthanide atoms in the lanthanide compound. Useful lanthanide compounds, and aluminoxanes, are described above. DETD

In yet another embodiment, the catalyst composition comprises (a) a lanthanide compound, (b) an alkylating agent, and (c) a non-coordinating anion or non-coordinating anion precursor. Useful lanthanide compounds, and alkylating agents, are described above. Useful molar ratios of non-coordinating anion or non-coordinating anion precursor to lanthanide compound (An/Ln) include from about 0.5:1 to about 20:1, preferably from about 0.75:1 to about 10:1, and more preferably from about 1:1 to about 6:1.

DETD Third, and most preferred, the catalyst composition may be formed by using a pre-forming process. According to this process, a small amount of monomer within solution is contacted with the alkylating agent within a feed line. This combination of monomer and alkylating agent is then contacted with the lanthanide compound, and subsequently the halogen-containing compound is introduced into the feed line. This in-line combination preferably occurs at a temperature of about -20° C. to about 80° C. Also, once the halogen-containing compound is introduced into the feed line, the preformed catalyst is preferably introduced into the continuous reactor within less than about 10 minutes. The amount of conjugated diene monomer that is used for pre-forming the catalyst can range from about 1 to about 500 moles per mole, more preferably from about 5 to about 250 moles per mole, and even more preferably from about 10 to about 100 moles per mole of the lanthanide compound. The major portion of the monomer to be polymerized is introduced into the polymerization reactor via a separate feed line. Advantageously, by pre-forming the catalyst composition in this manner, it has been found that higher polymer yield can be obtained at lower agitation speeds. While the lower agitation speeds may not ultimately impact the degree of backmixing, i.e., the non-ideal flow of the molecules within the reactor, the degree of agitation has been found to impact polymer yield where the catalyst composition is not pre-formed according to the preferred method. Accordingly, one benefit to pre-forming the catalyst in this manner is the reduced amount of energy required to agitate the polymerization mixture within the reactor.

In accordance with the teachings of this invention, high cis-1,4-polybutadiene was prepared by employing continuous

DETD polymerization techniques and a catalyst system that was formed by combining neodymium neodecanoate, triisobutylaluminum, and ethylaluminum dichloride. Specifically, the triisobutylaluminum and neodymium neodecanoate were added to a monomer stream of 1,3-butadiene monomer (within hexanes) and subsequently added to the polymerization reactor. In a second feed line, the ethylaluminum dichloride within technical hexanes was introduced into the continuous polymerization reactor. The molar ratio of the triisobutylaluminum to the neodymium neodecanoate was about 15:1, and the molar ratio of the ethylaluminum dichloride to the neodymium neodecanoate was about 2:1. The 1,3-butadiene monomer

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concentration within the first feed line was about 15% by weight. The amount of neodymium neodecanoate added to the feed stream was about 0.22 mmol per 100 g of monomer. The polymerization temperature was maintained at about  $93^{\circ}$  C. and the blades within the reactor were operated at about 100 rpm. The resulting polymer yield was about 90.6%. What is claimed is:

10. The process of claim 1, where the catalyst composition is charged to the continuous reactor as a pre-formed catalyst composition that is formed by combining the lanthanide compound, the alkylating agent, and the halogen-containing compound, and optionally a conjugated diene monomer prior to introducing the catalyst ingredients into the continuous reactor.

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